

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MARCH 8-14, 1976

Maple trees call up their wine.

Warn children about soft pond ice Johnny Appleseed died March 11, 1847 First quarter of the moon March 8 Maple sap run begins Average length of days for the week, 11 hours 42 minutes New York first state to license dogs, March 8, 1894 Bible first printed March 13, 1462 Closed doors are more easily heard through than open ones



Old Farmer's Riddle: What kind of a table has no legs? (Answer below)

Ask the Old Farmer: When something very unusual happened, my grandmother used to say, "My goodness! Cut a notch in the crane." All the cranes I've ever seen have been made of iron, and hard to notch. Can you solve this? D.S., Marblehead, Mass

Marblehead used to be a whaling port. A whaler carried several boats which they lowered for whales. The wooden davits on which the boats were hung were more anciently known as 'cranes.' Crews of whale-boats used to "notch the crane" to keep track of the whales killed. Likely your grandmother was referring to that kind of crane.

Home Hints: A good toy box is a brightly colored wooden market basket Riddle answer. A timetable

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Entire week alternates between rain, snow and sleet in north and south

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week starts very mild with rain, thunderstorms in west, thunderstorms, heavy rain and some hail latter part, then colder by week's end

Greater New York-New Jersey: Week begins warm with light to moderate rain, then cloudy, rainy and colder continuing throughout weekend

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Unseasonably warm with scattered light rain early week, occasionally showery, some heavy thunderstorms latter part

Florida: Clear and very warm in central and north, cloudy and mild in south at beginning, becoming cloudier with showers and cooler in central and north

Upstate N.Y.-Toronto & Montreal: Heavy rain and thunderstorms early in week, changing to snow in north and mountains, light rain and snow in latter part turn into blizzard by weekend in central and north

Greater Ohio Valley: Rainy, thunderstorms and squalls at first, then very warm; storm ending, becoming cold with light snow latter part

Deep South: Week begins fair and warm, with light rain in north, rain becomes heavy in north, south is clear and warm

Chicago & Southern Great Lakes: Rainy, some hail and possible tornadoes early in week, then quite warm, week ends with light rain changing to light snow with a cold snap

Berks Dairy Day kicks off Thursday

Thursday, Mar. 11, is Dairy Day in Berks County with programs beginning at 10 a.m. and lasting through approximately 3 p.m. Guest speakers and a panel of farmers will be featured at the event. To be held at the Berks County Agricultural Center Auditorium, Dairy Day's schedule is as follows:

10:00 a.m. - "Environmental Approach to Manure Handling" Gerald Bodman - Extension Engineer, Penn State University.

10:30 a.m. - "Practical Waste Disposal Structures" Mervin R. Ice - State Conservation Engineer, USDA Soil Conservation Service.

11:00 a.m. - MY SYSTEM OF LIVESTOCK WASTE

DISPOSAL: Donald Duncan - "Manure Stacker"; Roy Christman - "Feed Lot Runoff Lagoon - Dairy"; Mark Wolfskill - "Feed Lot Runoff Lagoon - Beef"; Robert Manbeck - "Spray Irrigation of Milkhouse Waste"; Robert Sattazahn - "Lagoon for Milkhouse Waste."

11:30 a.m. - "Economics of the Dairy Business" Glenn Shirk - Associate County Agent, Chester County.

12:15 p.m. - Lunch.

1:15 p.m. - "Calf Raising Facilities" Gerald Bodman - Extension Engineer, Penn State University.

2:00 p.m. - Victor Ziegler, Dairy Farmer, Lebanon

County - "My Experience With Calf Hutches" Mathew Degler - "Environmental Housing For Calves" Mrs. Barbara Haner, "Keeper of the Calves", Chester County - "Three Calf Barns - 201 Calves Raised Last Year"

2:30 p.m. - "COWAMP - Comprehensive Water Quality Plan for Berks County and How Agriculture Can Influence the Final Plan" W. Harry Schaffer - Community Resource Development Agent for S.E. Pennsylvania.

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Milk orders altered

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has recommended amending the Eastern Ohio - Western Pennsylvania federal milk marketing order to increase the charge to handlers on overdue accounts.

The recommendation is based on a Dec. 3 hearing in Cleveland which was requested by Dairy Lea Cooperative, representing a substantial number of dairy farmers serving the market. The recommendations

appeared in the February 27th Federal Register. Comments may be filed, in four copies, until March 13, with the Hearing Clerk, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, where the public may review them.

Copies of the recommended decision may be obtained from Market Administrator C. C. Taylor, P.O. Box 30128, Cleveland, Ohio 44130; or from the Dairy Division, AMS, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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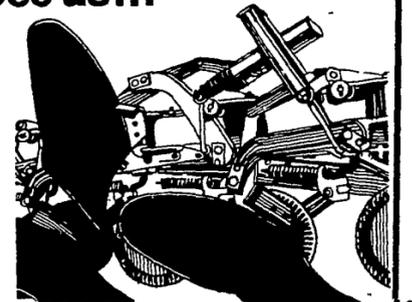
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